

SPECIMENS OF PRESS NOTICES.

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"THE SCOTCH LEAD THE WORLD."

"Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, Canon of Christ's Church Cathedral and Rector of Chippawa lectured last night in the basement of St. Peter's Church on the subject of Scotland and her share in the civilization of the world. In spite of the heavy rain the reverend gentleman had a fair audience, and it was a very appreciative one. Bishop Hamilton occupied the chair.

"Canon Mackenzie held a brief for Scotland and Scotchmen. When he had finished the audience were left in a state of uncertainty as to whether anything worth doing had ever been done in the world by any one who was not a Scotchman. The reverend lecturer showed and backed up every claim with authorities—that almost all the modern inventions in machinery and applied science which have revolutionized the industrial world, annihilated distance, and done so much to advance civilization, are products of Scotch genius. Among these are the steam-engine, the locomotive, the steamship, the balloon, the application of electricity to human uses, the discovery of chloroform, the invention of cradling machinery for cutting grain, the reaping machine, and many more. He also dwelt eloquently upon the prowess of Scotch upon the field of battle, and showed what immense service they had done in extending and maintaining the empire. The names of eminent British statesmen were mentioned, and a surprising number of the greatest of them were those of men born north of the Tweed. The contributions of Scotchmen to the philosophy, history, art, and commerce of the world was also touched upon. Canon Mackenzie claimed that in the field of lyric poetry the Scotch stood pre-eminent among the nations of the earth. He had with him a large number of specimen songs, but did not read them because it was ten o'clock before he had reached that phase of his subject. The lecture was not only full of interesting facts, but was also made enter-